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FORM USING LASER ENERGY)

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Enclosed please find:

- 1) Information Disclosure Statement - 2 pgs.
- 2) Form 1449 - 2 pgs. + 36 references
- 3) Copies of 5 co-pending applications

for the above-referenced patent application.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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